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RELOCATION QUESTION AT LAST SETTLED.

The question as to where our Court House shall be located, is at last finally settled by the people.

As the result shows that the will of over three-fifths of our people is that Marlinton shall have the Court House, it becomes us as citizens of a republic to bow with deference before the will of the people thus emphatically expressed.

In discussing the issues, through our columns, we have endeavored to be conservative, but we admit that it was with regret that we realized that the County Seat must seek a more central and convenient location to conform to the wish of the large majority of the citizens of our County as the vote shows that the desire for a change of location was general throughout the County.

The returns show that the voters were about all at the polls. The result was not occasioned by local prejudice or factional bitterness. The election was a fair, open, honest expression of the will of the voters. Now let us lay aside all feeling except good-will, and let each and every one do all he can, by word and deed, to make our county seat what has been so appropriately styled, "the people's town—the principal town of our County."

Our County Court will be convened on next Saturday, Dec. 12th, to declare the result, and we will thus have this question finally settled, and leaving old ruts we start on the highway to general prosperity.

As soon as we can make necessary arrangements, we will move our paper to the new city and enlarge it to an 8 col. folio or twice the size it is now, and we trust that the liberal aid of our people, which has heretofore been so generously extended to us, will still be ours, and not ours only, but will be extended to the home of our adoption.

High Tariff Does not Hurt the Rich.

There is one significant and instructive paragraph in the Associated Press synopsis of opinions cabled from Paris of the effect of the McKinley bill on our trade with France. A Mr Vanbergen, "who annually exports to the United States textile goods to the value of \$5,000,000 francs," is quoted as saying: "The new tariff has not greatly injured our trade in high-class goods. Our business in cheaper goods has diminished considerably." In other words, as the Sun and tariff reformers generally have insisted, it is the people of moderate means, or the actually poor, neither of whom can afford to pay fancy prices, who are injuriously affected by an unduly high tariff. Being unable to pay, they go without or buy an inferior article produced at a lower price in this country. In either case, they are made to bear the whole weight of the tariff iniquity. The rich, on the other hand, are not affected. They can afford to buy and do buy "high-class" goods, whatever the

tariff tax upon them. They may object to being robbed for the benefit of tariff monopolists, but they do not suffer as the poor. The whole tariff system in this country is aimed with fatal directness at the great mass of consumers, with the practical result of making the burdens of poverty, the privations of small incomes much greater than they need be.—Baltimore Sun.

Here is a list of names which have been mentioned as the nominees of the Democratic party for President and Vice President:—Cleveland and Boies, Russell and Boies, Boies and Russell, Hill and Boies, Cleveland and Campbell, Hill and Campbell, Gorman and Campbell, Gorman and Boies, Russell and Gray, Flower and Campbell, Flower and Gray, Hill and Gray, Cleveland and Gray, Flower and Vorhees.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our regular correspondent. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4th.—The very spirited contest for the Speakership of the House of Representatives will close with the selection of one of the candidates by the democratic caucus which will be held tomorrow, but it will be years before it is forgotten. There have been many things to cause it to be remembered, not the least of which is the large number of candidates that will remain in the field up to the last—this is of itself highly creditable to the democratic party as an organization, as it is a party that does not tolerate bossism, but gives every man in its ranks an equal right to aspire to any honor within its gift. Another thing about it that will not soon be forgotten is the action of the republicans in trying to misrepresenting innocent remarks made by democrats, and in many instances by the outright manufacture of statements to create a feeling of antagonism between the friends of the several candidates—they succeeded but too well in some instances.

Whoever is selected for Speaker, the attempt will be made in certain quarters to make it appear that the selection makes certain the nomination for President next year of some one of the gentleman who have been prominently named for that honor. That is another republican scheme. There is not the slightest thing to base such a conclusion upon, no matter which of the candidates for Speaker may win. There are, to your correspondent's certain knowledge, men in the ranks of the supporters of each of the candidates who favor Mr. Cleveland, Governor Hill, Governor Gray, Senator Gorman and Governor Boies, so you see what nonsense it is to say that the success of any one of the candidates for Speakership will have any direct effect upon the nomination for President next year. Just as members of Congress have differed in their opinions of the best man for speaker, so will they differ when it comes to selecting a candidate for President. The National democratic convention, and not the House of Representatives, will name the presidential nominee of the party, republican busybodies to the contrary notwithstanding.

Representative Cooper, of Indiana, who originated the Raum investigation in the last Congress says that if Mr. Harrison persists in keeping Raum at the head of the Pension office he will move for another investigation. Mr. Cooper has secured a large addition to the stock of ammunition which the packed committee of the last Congress refused to allow him to use, and if Raum does not vacate the Pension office he will see to it that the next investigation does not end with a coat of whitewash.

It is stated here, but denied, that Secretary Foster's health is in a precarious condition. While denying that he is seriously sick, his friends admit that he is going South for several weeks' rest before he

again takes up his work as Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Harrison's friends in the republican party have been anxiously expecting this week that often announced statement from Mr. Blaine that he would not be the candidate of his party, it having been stated here the other day by ex-Senator Saunders, of Nebraska, whose daughter is Russell's wife, that Mr. Blaine would shortly take the public into his confidence; but alas, for the Harrison crowd, it seems to be only another false alarm, as Mr. Blaine says not a word, but continues to smile when visiting republicans tell him that they propose nominating him next year.

Attorney General Miller is not an admirer of the newspapers, probably because they have refused to class him as high as his own conceit tells him he should go; therefore it caused no surprise when he tried to cast a slur upon the press, while the argument in the cases against the constitutionality of the McKinley tariff law was proceeding before the Supreme Court. It came about this way. Mr. Stephen G. Clark, of New York, while arguing that the omission of the tobacco rebate clause in the bill as signed by the President invalidated the whole bill, produced a book kept in the Clerk's office showing the record of bills passed by the House, to show that the clause was omitted. In reply to the Attorney General's question, Mr. Clark said he was not advised as to whether there was any law for the keeping of the book. "If there is no such law," said the Attorney General with a sneer, "the book has no more weight than a newspaper publication."

Commissioner Roosevelt is back. He declines to discuss the story that Mr. Wanamaker is after his scalp, further than to say that he stands by everything he has ever said, which is equivalent to repeating his charge against the truthfulness of Mr. W.

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